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RE: Notification of intent to begin field activities - Hecla Mining Company Apex Site (EPA ID No. UT982589848, Docket No. RCRA-8-99-06)

Dear Chairman Rogers, Mr. Krause and Ms. Delamar:

For your information, subject contractor scheduling, Hecla will be mobilizing to start the final closure of the Apex tailings impoundment (Pond 2) around mid April. Copies of the final closure plan, addressing the comments we had received on October 6, 2003 and January 9, 2004, will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (208) 769-4135 or e-mail at [cgypton@hecla-mining.com](mailto:cgypton@hecla-mining.com).

Sincerely,

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